

LURE OF BIG CITIES.

A Word to the Man Who Yearns For a Job in New York.

In the American Magazine a writer, giving some words of advice to the many aspiring young men throughout the country who feel the lure of the great cities and who are consumed with a desire to try their fortunes therein, says:

"An old friend called to ask my advice the other day. He came to New York from a little Indiana town. He has a wife and four children—and a poor job.

"As I talked with him I kept picturing him where he belongs—back in the old home town. If he had stayed there he might have worked in a \$1,000 or \$1,200 job, which would have been sufficient to satisfy all his needs and most of his wants. He could have had a garden, a yard, a savings bank account, and a membership in the local lodge, and he might have sat on his porch and held converse with his neighbors.

"On the Fourth of July he could have been some punkin' at the neighborhood picnic. He might have become a village councilman, and when the campaign arrived he could have been on the committee to welcome the congressman when that great personage came to town in search of votes. In other words, he might have had a real place in the community.

"Now, what does he get in exchange for the \$1,000 or \$1,200 that he earns in New York? Well, I suppose he gets a meager little flat with dark bedrooms, a few chances daily to hang by his eyelids in the subway, a great fund of loneliness and a woebegone feeling of uselessness.

"That is the trouble with these whaling big cities like New York and Chicago. They are all right for men of known ability—men of force and ambition who have learned how to direct their talents. But they are hard on untried men—men who have not yet found themselves.

"This is not said for the purpose of scaring venturesome and unattached young fellows of ability who want to try their muscles on the big town. There is no danger of scaring them. They cannot be scared. The morning trains are bringing them in by the hundreds—this very day—and all the printing presses in the world could not drive them back.

"But it is said for the purpose of causing every small town man with responsibilities to consider carefully before coming whether he has a definite aim in coming and whether he has faith and conviction that he really has something to give to the big town.

"Don't come just for the ride. Don't come except from positive choice. Don't come just because others are coming. The best rule of all is this—if you have no definite, compelling reason within yourself to come, don't come until you are invited. Do your job well at home. If the big town wants you she will call you.

"A hundred telegrams went out from New York today to various and remote parts of the United States carrying offers of good jobs to smart chaps who have done so well that New York has heard of them.

"Only last week I met a young man from Massachusetts who had just been offered an \$8,000 a year place in New York. He said he had the least idea of the thing started—except that he had done work that had been brought to the attention of several New York bankers, one of whom had looked him up and then flashed him the offer of a job.

"So leave your name and address with the local operator and go back to your knitting. New York is not tongue-tied. If she needs you she'll wire.

"Of course, if you think you are a howling genius you will probably take the first train for Broadway—and maybe it will be just as well for you to do so. A genius is just as unhappy one place as another. But, genius or no genius, there won't be any brass bands to meet you at Grand Central Station."

What The Legislature Will Do

There has been some speculation as to what will be done at the extra session of the Legislature.

Here is a brief summary of the bills: One authorizes the Governor to organize the Maryland State Guard. The State Guard is not to form a part of the National Guard, but it is to be called into service whenever the public interests and safety demand.

Another bill authorizes a State Constabulary to go anywhere in the State to preserve order in case of riots or disorders. Probably about fifty men.

Another authorizes the firemen of the towns to organize themselves into County or Town Guards.

Another provides a penalty of \$100 to \$500 or imprisonment for six months for the refusal of a person to answer questions relating to the military enrollment.

Another provides for the registration of all aliens in the State.

Another provides for the suspension of school attendance, hours of labor, etc., upon the request of the United States Government.

Another provides that the Government shall have the power to declare a legal holiday to cover any unexpected emergency.

Another provides for the suspension of judgments and other legal proceedings on account of the war.

Another provides for the suspension of the statutes of limitation in favor of persons absent from the state, in

the military or naval service.

Another provides for the drafting of a proper law enabling absent soldiers to vote.

Another provides a State farm for prison labor.

Another provides for prison labor to be worked on the public roads.

Another provides for compelling vagrants and all idle people to work when the country calls on them.

Another provides for regulation of the sale of explosives.

Another provides for the protection of property from destruction by dynamiting, etc.

Another provides for the employment of special policemen for railroad, steamboat, rolling mills, factories, water plants, etc., when application is made to the Governor.

Another provides for military training in the public schools of the State of boys over twelve years of age and not over twenty years of age. And provides for a Military and Disciplinary Training Commission, to be composed of the Adjutant General, the Governor, and the State Superintendent of Education. The Commission is authorized to establish military camps of instruction, etc.

Another provides that State and County officials drafted in the military service shall be paid their regular salaries, less the amount paid by the Government, if the County Commissioners shall so decide.

Another is proposed which will provide for soldier's dependents, their wives and their children under sixteen, parents, brothers or sisters, etc.

W. H. S. Alumni Holds Meeting.

The seventh annual meeting of the Westminster High School Alumni Association was held Friday evening in Assembly Hall in the High School Building. A large number of the members, including students of the graduating class, former students and outstanding graduates attended and spent the early part of the evening in renewing friendships.

After a musical selection by the High School Orchestra the business meeting and election of officers was held which resulted in all the old officers being re-elected for another year as follows: Clarence Aldridge, president; Marie Kimney, vice president; Byers Unger, secretary and treasurer.

Short addresses were delivered by Mr. J. Pearce Wantz, president of the Board of Education and Mr. M. S. H. Unger, county superintendent.

The following program was well rendered and enjoyed: Piano duet, Schubert's Military March, Misses Eloise Miller and Marguerite Shunk; solo, A Birthday, Miss Marjorie Yingling; readings, Granny and Out at Old Aunt Mary's, Miss Ruth Gist; piano solo, Romance, Miss Mary Snader; reading, Sam's Letter, Mr. R. S. Williamson; solo, The Little Damozel, Miss Helen Zepp; reading, Speaking of Operations, Miss Azelia Shipley; solo, Clang of the Forge, Mr. Walter L. Zepp; piano duet, The Jolly Blacksmith, Misses Louise Matthews and Corinne Troy.

About 10 o'clock a collation was served after which a social hour was spent and dancing indulged in. The menu consisted of ham sandwiches, pickles, chicken salad, ice cream and cake.

CONDEMNED LAND.

Western Maryland Railway Company Wants Room for Extension of Track Sidings, Etc.

A jury of condemnation viewed the lands of Milton T. Haines, near Union Bridge, Monday and at the trial of the case in this Court Tuesday, before Judge Forsythe, brought in a verdict awarding the land to the railroad company and assessed the damages at \$550. This is between Union Bridge and Linwood and will extend the siding to accommodate the very long freight trains now used on this road. The land taken is about 25 feet wide and upwards of half a mile long.

Tuesday afternoon another jury viewed the lands of the late R. W. Walden and family at Middleburg, where the company condemned a small strip of land, less than half an acre for additional siding.

These extensions will be available for the company when it shall be determined to complete the double track system for this road, which it's growing freight traffic will soon demand. It is thought.

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